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1. Henri Rabbath, a Beirut commission agent, returned to Beirut from Prague in November 1948, via Belgrade, Bari, and Alexandria. Rabbath and his associate, Michel Masard, have been appointed as the representatives of "Ceskova," the Czech industrial pool of some 123 different firms, which had been, until January 1948, represented by Richard Khuri, another commission agent in Beirut.

2. According to Rabbath, he has established contacts for Ceskova in Aleppo, Damascus, Amman, Rhodes, Alexandria (where he is planning to go in January 1949), Ankara, Istanbul, Bucharest, Sofia, and Prague. Rabbath has succeeded in interesting Joseph Ilyan, deputy from Aleppo, who is very well informed and is reported by to be friendly with Soviet officials in Damascus. 25X1X6

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